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Instruction by Primary.

The New York Evening Post says: "Senator Cullom's victory in the Illinois primaries on Saturday has one special interest in connection with the direct nominations agitation. Of course, as regards the senatorship, the vote was merely an 'ex-pression of preference,' which the repub-lican members of the legislature may dis-regard if they choose. But Cullom's return herps to show the fallacy of the notion that direct nominations necessarily bring to the front candidates of a flashy, inferior sort. 'Jeff' Davis of Arkansas and 'Fiddling Bob' Taylor, succeeding the ex-confederate sol-dier, Berry, and the caustic debater, Carmack, have been spoken of as the type which the direct primary brings into politics. Now, Gov. Yates may with no disrespect be said to be very much nearer that kind than Senator Cullom. None could be farther from it, in fact, than the latter. Yet the republican voters of Illinois indorsed their venerable senator just as heartily as would any state convention or uninstructed legislature. Mr. Cullom is the ninth senator of the 1913 class already nominated by direct vote or by convention. Bailey was the one before him. These two can certainly endure comparison with most of their colleagues chosen in the old way and go far to offset the triumph of Davis

The result, as it affects the senatorship, is much more than "an expression of preference." It operates as positive instruction, and the republican members of the legislature "may" not "disregard it if they choose." A republican member who should cast his vote against Mr. Cullom would stand disgraced before his constituency and the country and might find it advisable not to feturn home. His case would not differ in character from that of a presidential elector who should vote against his party's candidate. The instruction in the one instance is as positive as in the other, and in both instances it is absolutely binding. For this reason those who favor the election of senators by a direct vote feel that the question has practically been solved without changing the Constitution.

It is a mistake to class Mr. Taylor with Mr. Davis. The Tennesseean both wins and loses by his joviality and comedy. He is more than a storyteller and fiddler. He has moments of seriousness, and possesses much valuable information, and has acquitted himself well in several high offices. He should acquit himself well in the Senate. His canvass against Mr. Carmack was far above the variety show stage, and if his discussion of public questions was not soaked in acidity or decorated with epigrams it was yet not all honey and humor. As senators go, Mr. Taylor should hold his own with ease in the company he will

No means are available which would insure in every contest the best man for the senatorial office. Local conditions must always be taken into account. Sometimes they favor, and sometimes not, wisdom in the selection. What the primary plan insures is a selection after the people have heard directly from the aspirants by letters, or interviews, or speeches. The people rule, or should rule, and if at any time for any cause they put a commission into inferior hands they in the end pay the penalty. The Culloms and the Baileys, as the Evening Post seems to feel, will always greatly outnumber the Davises in popular contests where the issues are well presented and the people in a humor for intelligent decision.

Queer Banking. That wrecked Milwaukee Avenue Bank in Chicago seems to have been a one-man institution. Stensland, the president, was the whole game. He sent for his cashier and told him to make out a certain number of notes, according to a memorandum. The notes were turned over to him and later he would hand them to the cashier signed and indorsed, and they would be placed to his credit and he would draw checks upon them in his own name. The cashier did not investigate the signatures. He took them on faith. The notes piled up and up and up until they amounted to more than half a million, and then the cashier began to worry and gently reminded the president that something ought to be done to reduce

Meanwhile the directors of this delectable institution were presumably holding their monthly meetings and passing upon the loans and discounts and scrutinizing the condition of the bank. Unfortunately there is as yet no mention of their manner of procedure. Did they assemble around the mahogany table and look at the president while he told them that everything was all right, and then, after a brief chat about the chances of the two Chicago base ball teams for the pennants, pocket their golden fees and wander off to attend to their own business affairs? There is strong external evidence that they did little more than this. How many other financial institutions are there in this country that are run on these

Mr. Thomas Taggart as a student of events falls to see any precedent which requires a man to accept every passing invi-

Mr. Comstock insists with some reason that a man need not be an authority on art in order to give expert testimony on impro-

Baltimore and Washington.

Baltimore is really very deeply interested in the new boom spirit that is taking hold of Washington and opening a prospect of a business development of the capital. It is not jealous-oh, no! Far, far from it! Baltimore is too securely confident of its present and future greatness to be jealous of Washington as a potential rival. Baltimore is interested just as big brother is interested in the imitative antics of little Johnny. That is all. Baltimore is simply and sincerely concerned as a well-wishing

To realize this all that is necessary is to read the Baltimore papers, which are following the details of the Greater Washingon movement from day to day with faithful transcriptions of the activities here. Occasionally it is inevitable that certain comparative statements should be advanced by the local hustlers with reference to Balti-There is nothing invidious in this Baltimore offers a convenient standard for does not altogether like this. It tries to be debonnaire and indifferent, but it calls for

Monumental nerve has been touched. The other day in The Star appeared a comparison between rents here and in Baltimore, to the advantage of Washington, coupled with the statement that the street car service in the District is faster than in Baltimore. Now, every one knows that these comments were and are even yet quite true. Even Baltimoreans know that they are true. But it hurts to say so, and roof of George Gray's house, in Watertown,

so the Sun-paper of Baltimore, that stanch defender of the interests of the largest suburb of the capital, comes to the rescue with a bit of forced pleasantry which con-

"Our Washington friends will be as surprised as they will be delighted to know that rents are so very, very low and street cars so very, very fast over there. How very far wrong is the outer world, which has considered the capital city as a place that only the rich could afford, and who have labeled pictures of the Washington street cars 'studies in still life."

"Baltimore is not jealous of Washington, and considers her rather more a dear little debutante sister than a rival, and is not even excited over the first plank in the new platform: "To secure a differential against Baltimore."

"Washington is entitled to all the trade

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"Washington is entitled to all the trade
she can win either by advantageous location, fine transportation facilities or the enterprise of her progressive merchants. And
Baltimore appreciates the free advertising
the Washington crusaders are giving her
quite as much as she does the compliment
of being selected as the most worthy opponent in the lists of trade."

Did you ever, Gentle Reader, essay to ride uptown in Baltimere from the steamboat wharves to the hotel district in order to assuage your hunger after a boat ride and with appetite sharpened by the sweet odors of the harbor? Five blocks as the crow flies and a mile and a half by trolley! Iwo transfers after a walk of a quarter of a mile to reach the first car! That is undeniable truth. And as for the longer distances, they tell tales, even the most loyal Baltimoreans, that suggest the source of

the Rip Van Winkle inspiration. Well, Washington and Baltimore will renain friends, even in the stress and circumstance of commercial strife. There are ome features of success conspicuously in evidence in Baltimore, which Washington does not desire. The capital is going after trade and business of a kind that will not bring in train a lot of evils that are worse than duliness and inactivity. Whatever else may happen. Washington can at least in some respects regard Baltimore as a warning.

New Jersey and Protection.

This paragraph recalls a bit of history: "Former United States Senator James Smith jr., announced yesterday that he had received a letter from William Jennings Bryan from London accepting an invitation to speak in Newark on September 1. The intention is to have Mr. Bryan make three outdoor speeches, after which he will go to Jersey City to fill engage-ments there. Mr. Smith did not care to make public the contents of the letter."

Mr. Smith and Mr. Bryan served in Congress together, and participated in the revision of the tariff in 1804. Mr. Bryan was a member of the ways and means committee of the House and helped prepare the Wilson bill. His views as an advocate of a tariff for revenue only had secured him the assignment, and he supported every effort made by the committee to lower the schedules as much as possible. He and his associates of the House achieved a fair measure of success in that direction, though the bill even as they passed it was not a full redemption of the tariff platform upon which the democracy had been returned to power.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Senate, and his New Jersey constituents, so largely engaged in manufacturing, were greatly interested in many of the tariff schedules and did not want them tinkered on free trade lines. In fact they did not want tuem disturbed at all. Still, realizing that the party in power was committed to changes, they saw that action must be taken, and that as much as they could hope

for was a mild dose of revision. Accordingly, with the wishes of his constituents in view, Mr. Smith allied himself with Mr. Gorman for the emasculation of the House bill. He became one of Mr. and late to change the bill to suit the demands of the business interests which he represented. He and Mr. Murphy of New York and Mr. Brice of Ohio were the democrats in the Senate who under Mr. Gorman's leadership put the House bill into that shape which brought from Mr. Cleveland his famous denunciation.

The tariff, we are told, is now the issue, Mr. Bryan and the gold democrats are still far apart as to silver, but silver is not today the cry. The tariff is. And so the question arises, are Mr. Bryan and Mr. Smith agreed now on the tariff? Mr. Smith is no longer in office, but if he were would he follow Mr. Bryan's leadership in revising schedules on a free trade basis? New Jersey is still a manufacturing state, and the stake of her people in the principle of protection is as great as ever. Would any senator or representative in Congress bearing her commission vote for such a tariff bill as Mr. Bryan as President would recommend? It does not seem likely. The fact is that the tariff work of Mr. Bryan and his friends in 1894 was largely instrumental in making New Jersey a republican

A Redheaded Man. A typographical error has raised a question in New York as to the color of Tom Watson's hair. It is red. He is a redheaded man both as to poll and temperament. His politics is redheaded. He was a redheaded democrat before he became a redheaded populist, and while he remained a populist he was the redheadedest member of the organization. He is again a democrat and a redheaded champion of Hoke Smith for governor of Georgia. His vocabulary is redheaded. Whether praising his friends or denouncing his enemies, he sees red and talks and writes red. First and last, and in every way, he is a "warm" of this summer is in part due to the fact that Mr. Watson is again in political erup-

The affluent Richard Canfield does not especially care whether he retires from business or not. He merely keeps his places open as a friendly accommodation to some of the big financiers.

Paris continues to discuss the removal of the Eiffel tower because it is not a thing of beauty. Its lack of grace did not become so offensive until it ceased to be a notable source of revenue.

It is coming to a point where, when Al fred Austin writes a new poem his critics may merely supplement their former comments with ditto marks.

Saratoga will be in danger of being remembered only as the town where the pota-Hot weather advice is too often only

If this objection to gambling persists

means of worrying people because they

Some of the quarrels about the rights to produce plays are more interesting than the plays themselves.

Sometimes it is as hard to get a law satisfactorily tested as it was to get it passed.

Connecticut Lightning.

They are seeing things up in Connecticut stranger than real nutmegs and genuine nams. This is the thunderstorm season, and at such times the Connecticut visionor is it imagination?-becomes particularly acute. Perhaps the Connecticut brand of lightning is unique. Perhaps the Connecticut electric connections are peculiar. In any event, it is a big day for the correspondents when two tales such as those that follow can be dispatched. One of

yesterday afternoon. A servant girl, not very long in the country, heard the crash, saw a ball of fire rolling along her room, and exclaimed:

"What a country this is, where the full moon comes in through the roof!"

"The girl was not alarmed and kept on with her work as if nothing had happened."

But the prize lightning yarn is wired

from Derby:

"Hurling half a dozen uncorked bottles containing ink and other fluids down a long statrway without spilling any of their contents was among the pranks played by lightning at the home of William M. Davis, in Cottage street, last night. None of the bottles was even cracked. The electric bolt entered a window, circled a brass bed in which Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth E. Straun were sleeping, only slightly shocking them, and then leaped to a shelf on which were the bottles and a lamp. The lamp was untouched, and the bottles were swept out of the room twenty feet to the hall on the floor below. The lightning left the house by the electric door bell wire, ringing the bell as it went out and singeing the hair of Mr. Straun's pet dog on the veranda. The same bolt, it is thought, opened the skylight on James McNamara's house next door."

If Connecticut lightning is always as po lite as this there will promptly be a migra tion from other parts of the United States where the skies send forth at times rude, inconsiderate and even wanton bolts.

It may be assumed that the press censor does not tamper with the papers delivered at the royal palace, and that the czar has therefore heard something about his forthoming abdication.

The discovery of a lot of new coal in Pennsylvania will not especially interest the consumer. A find of this kind does not exert any effect on the price.

The arctic explorers are among the few people who find no reason for getting apehensive and excited over the ice question

Whatever may be his fear of Tammany's

antagonism, no candidate is really desirous

of its publicly expressed friendship. As usual the arrival of the sea serpen proved a reliable signal of the advent of

the silly season. SHOOTING STARS.

A Debater.

"Is that friend of yours a great debater?" "He is," answered Senator Sorghum, "in the kind of an argument where money

Artistic Sensitiveness. "Why are you so resentful toward that

writer?" "Because," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, "he once said there were moments

when my work did not realize the highest

possible standard of excellence." "My dear sir, I welcome criticism, bu cannot endure such ignorant abuse.

The Russian General. "I do not fear the foe," he said.

"To war I'm really partial, Although I shiver some with dread, 'Tis dread of a court-martial."

Wounded Pride.

"Did you have a good time in Europe?" "Not very." answered Mr. Cumrox. "You ee it kind of nettled mother and the girls to see me of so little consequence that I could go abroad without being suspected of nursing a presidential boom or dodging an nvestigation.

Worse.

"Humidity is often worse than heat." "Yes, answered the irritable person." try to show off their knowledge."

Story Telling.

Dey's all a-tellin' stories When de twilight's in de sky. De cricket sings de good luck song To every passer-by. De tree toad chirps about de rain Out in de ferns an' moss, But ol' Mis' Katydid's de one Dat tells about de fros'.

De locust laugh an' holler 'bout De heat dat's in de air; I's tired o' listenin' to dat noise He's makin' everywhere.

I's feelin' like de chilluns does When dey gits tired an' cross. I wish Mis' Katydid 'ud come An' tell us 'bout de fros'.

Russia's Neighbors. rom the New York Times.

If our territory adjoined the territory of Russia; if we stood geographically, let us say in the relation of Germany or Austria to the Russian empire, it can hardly be doubted that we should long ago have been compelled by considerations of our own peace and security to remonstrate with the government of the civil disorder in his dominions. Were that our position, with the Russians as our neighbors, it would be impossible that the sympathy and the humane impulses of our people should not be stirred by the intolerable sufferings of the czar's subjects in their struggle to secure the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Inevitably, too, our national and efficial attitude toward Russia would be affected. The cruelties of Weyler, his reconcentration order and the heroic but vain efforts of the Cubans to establish their independence produced in this country a state of mind that, even without the destruction of the Maine, must speedily have led to our intervention. It was our part a substantial grievance that proposition. The color of his hair is the the natural sympathy of our people for index to the man. Not unlikely the heat the Cubans could not be restrained; fili bustering expeditions were fitted out, arms and munitions of war were supplied to the rebels, and in other ways our obli-gations to the friendly government of Spain were continually violated, and acts which cur government was powerless entirely to restrain nevertheless made it internationally responsible. We therefore intervened to end that "hell upon earth" which Spain could not end and we could o longer endure.

After the Rascals.

Relentless as fate, Secretary Hitchcock continues to move against the public land thieves, regardless of their wealth and station. The latest convict in Oregon is a newspaper publisher and a former United States commissioner. He gets thirteen months' imprisonment for subornation of perjury. Two associates in his conspiracy are already serving sentences. We have at last a Secretary of the Interior who punishes rascals; and the rascals flock to the general land office, the Indian office and the pension office, all parts of the Interior Derom the Philadelphia Record. pension office, all parts of the Interior De-partment, as buzzards gather around

Substantial Gratitude.

the Nashville Banner. An Italian lady who recently died evinced her appreciation of her favorite newspaper by leaving a legacy of \$3,000 to the journal, explaining that she did so "in recognition of my gratitude for having been so often entertained by it."

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